

APPEAL NO. 030407
FILED MARCH 31, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on January 23, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury in the form of an occupational disease (left carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) and ulnar neuritis) and that the claimant had disability from June 13 through August 27, 2002.

The appellant (self-insured) appeals, mostly on a sufficiency of the evidence basis, contending that the claimant's employment was not sufficiently excessive to cause a repetitive trauma injury. The claimant responds, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The claimant was a customer service representative for the self-insured. There was considerable testimony from both the claimant and the self-insured's team development leader regarding the specifics of the claimant's job.

Whether the claimant's job was sufficiently repetitive to cause the claimed left CTS and ulnar neuritis was a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the fact finder and is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the fact finder, the hearing officer was charged with the responsibility of determining what facts the evidence has established. Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). The hearing officer was acting within his province as the fact finder in resolving the disputed issues in favor of the claimant. Nothing in our review of the record reveals that the challenged determinations are so against the great weight of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a certified self-insured)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET
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Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Daniel R. Barry
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge